



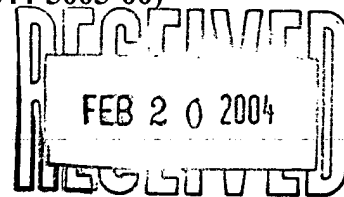
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**PATENT
MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Patent Application of Darwin J. Prockop, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1632
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, sent in connection with the above-referenced application.

This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for a response to the Office Action to and through February 6, 2004.